

**RICHMOND UNIFIED
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES MAY 18, 2006**

Committee Members Present:

Londella Hamilton, Chair
Patrice Banks
Toinette Worden
Paula Futrell

Committee Members Absent:

Jerome Lee

Affiliates Present:

Sebastian Symeoides, Virginia Institute For Systemic Treatment
Taineka Taylor, Outreach Residential Services
Lucius A. Alfurd Sr., Outreach Residential Services
Monica Lucas, Rion's Hope
Michelle Whittingham, Diversity Training
Barbara Gibson, Inspiration House
Chandra Sheerod, Inspiration House
Kimberly Pettus, Inspiration House
Wanda Brown, Angel House

Others Present:

Linda M. Patterson, Chairman Metro Richmond LHRC
James O. Bowser, Jr, Regional Advocate

I. Welcome/Call to Order:

Londella Hamilton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions:

All attendees introduced themselves and organizations represented.

III. Minutes Approval:

Approval of March 23, 2006 minutes were deferred until the scheduled July 20, 2006 meeting.

IV. Request for Affiliation:

A. Quest Community Services

No program representatives from Quest Community Services

were present and the request for affiliation was deferred until the July 20, 2006 meeting.

B. Virginia Institute for Systemic Treatment:

Mr. Symeoridaes explained the expanded services his agency provides to consumers. The agency provides intensive in-home therapy to 5-18 year old children after a needs assessment is completed. The goal is to maintain the individual at home by providing the needed supportive mental health services. This service usually extends for around 3 months.

A Motion was made and passed to approve VIST as an affiliate.

V. Human Rights Activities Reporting:

- a. Outreach Residential-Report Accepted
- b. Angel House- Report Accepted
- c. Diversity Training-Report Accepted-(going to licensure to change age of population served to 10-17 from 8-14)
- d. Rion's Hope-Report Accepted
- e. Inspiration House-Report Accepted-(committee deferred approval of home based token treatment until next meeting but allowed agency to continue use of treatment plan.)
- f. VA Institute for Systemic Treatment-Report Accepted-(plan for new program to be operational next week).

VI. Next meeting:

July 20, 2006. Diversity Training and Support Services will host. VIST will host September and Outreach Residential will host November meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned.